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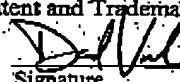
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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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Application No.: 10/725,403

Filed: December 3, 2003

For: PLASMA PROCESSING
APPARATUS AND METHOD

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January 17, 2006 (the first business day
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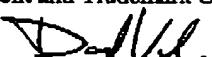
Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action dated December 16, 2005, Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute the Group I claims, namely Claims 1 to 15.

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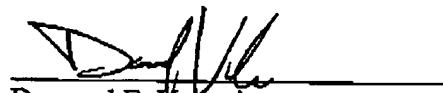
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In response to the requirement to elect species, Applicants elect Species B (embodiment of Fig. 6). Applicants submit that all of Claims 1 to 15 read on the elected species. At least Claim 1 is believed to be generic.

These elections are made without traverse.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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